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DIFFERENTIATION ON A cell-by-Cell  
Basis and Simultaneous Analysis of White  
Blood Cell Differentiation

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of R. van't Oever, *et al.*, for OPTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RED BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION ON A CELL-BY-CELL BASIS AND SIMULTANEOUS ANALYSIS OF WHITE BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION, filed June 5, 2001.

Also enclosed are: USPTO Form 1449 - 1 page (in duplicate)  
Copy of ten (10) references  
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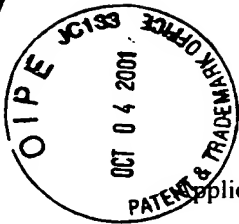
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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 in accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

The references submitted are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the reference was considered.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits of the application, it is believed that, under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), no fee is due in connection herewith.

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